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Nicole Underhill  
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Dear Ms. Underhill:

The following are comments and questions concerning transmission and wire crossings at public highways:

When submitting a request to the railroad for a crossing permit at a public crossing, does an entity simply submit a letter to the PSC stating that a crossing request was sent to the railroad, or does one submit a copy of the crossing permit?

What is required if an electrical wire crossing is less than 700 volts? For example, a 240-volt streetlight circuit? Is notification required for electric facilities? This is a wire crossing but less than 700 volts.

In addition, Loup recently had an experience where we needed to cross a railroad at a public road crossing and were required to pay \$1,500 to go under the railroad with a 240-volt electric wire. Can we protest this permit cost to the PSC?

It appears that it is not necessary to notify the commission of a wire crossing not at a public crossing. Is notice necessary if within an incorporated village or city?

Sincerely,

Ron Ziola  
Engineering Manager

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